

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 291

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marcus Shropshire on being named the 2009 Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy young Tennessean is Marcus Shropshire, who was recently named the 2009 Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Chattanooga (BGCC); Mr. Shropshire was awarded this distinction at the BGCC Annual Luncheon and Leadership Awards Banquet, held at the Sheraton Read House on January 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the BGCC Leadership Awards Program began in 1977, and has continued to be a vital part of the Club's Youth Development initiative ever since; it provides opportunities and incentives for volunteer service to BGCC members and in its thirty-one years, Program participants have logged over 155,000 hours of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Awards Program is an integral part of the Boys and Girls Club's overall mission to instill a sense of usefulness, a sense of influence, a sense of competence, and a sense of belonging in all the youth the Club serves; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the BGCC Alton Park unit, Mr. Shropshire has served as President of his Keystone Club, participated in the College Bound Program, and represented the BGCC in the state-level Youth of the Year Program, for which he was honored as Second Runner-up, 2009 Tennessee Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Howard High School of Academics and Technology in Chattanooga, Marcus Shropshire has truly distinguished himself as a leader among his high school peers; he has been elected Senior Class President, serves as a member of the

Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, and plays on his school's varsity football team;
and

WHEREAS, over and above these demanding commitments, Mr. Shropshire has volunteered his time at local nursing homes, helped to organize a voting drive, and was invited to participate in the Leadership Baylor Camp; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his hard work and determination, Marcus Shropshire has been awarded a football scholarship to Cumberland College, where he will matriculate in the fall of 2009 in pursuit of a teaching degree; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Shropshire epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Mr. Shropshire, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Marcus Shropshire on being named the 2009 Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Chattanooga and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.